

JANUARY SALE OF GAS RANGES

Buy Now and Save Dollars

The increase in cost of metals compels us to buy in large quantities---
We must have room for a carload of stoves, therefore will sacrifice our present stock.

\$40.00 Ranges for . . \$32.00
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If you intend to buy a Gas Range this Summer now is the time. No money required until you use the Stove. All we ask is that you allow us to deliver the Range, which we will connect when you want it. No charge for connections if gas is in the house.



Gratiot County Gas Co.

Alma Ithaca St. Louis Breckenridge

WANTS

FIVE CENTS A LINE

If you have anything useful that you want to sell, or if there is anything useful you want to buy, place an advertisement in The Record. If you have a buggy that's lying idle in the barn; a stove or other household goods you don't use; if you have any stock you want to sell or trade; if you want a girl for housework; in fact, if you want to buy, rent or sell, just try our Want Column.

Remember the price is only Five Cents a Line. Try it. Both Phones No. 13.

THE RECORD'S

WANT COLUMN

FOR SALE—House and lot in good location on reasonable terms. Can give immediate possession. Inquire of P. W. Cresser. 1913-14

TO EXCHANGE—Farm of 80 acres with stock, tools, and fodder to exchange for city property either residential or business. Will give easy terms on balance. This is an excellent opportunity for some one to deal into a good farm cheap, all equipped ready for business. Inquire at The Record office. 1913-14

FOR SALE—Pair of mules, 7 and 8 years old, good size and right. Fred Rowland.

FOR SALE—Two acres on East Michigan Ave., good buildings, all kinds of fruit, plenty of room for several new houses. Easy terms to suit purchaser. C. H. Jessup. 19-22-p

WANTED—Several good carpenters wanted at once. The Dow Chemical Co., Midland, Mich. 20-3-c

WISDOM keeps posted on Central Michigan farms. Write for free lists to Real Estate Exchange, Stanton, Mich. 19-7-p

FOR SALE—Bay driving mare, four years old. Inquire Fred Rowland. 20-14

WANTED—Girl or woman for general house work. Inquire at The Record office. 19-14

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WANTED—Dressmaking and all kind of sewing. Mrs. Bessie Winchell, 624 Wright Ave. 21-1-p

For Burns and Scalds. Apply glycerin and flour, the latter spread on the affected part to keep air. On this put a good pad of oil and bandage.

GRATIOT COUNTY'S FIRST MAIL CARRIER DEAD

William Gruett One of the Oldest Settlers Passes Away At County Farm.

Wm. Gruett the half-breed French and Indian who was the first mail carrier in this vicinity passed away at the county poor farm on Saturday, Jan. 1st. He was the son of James Gruett the interpreter who stood as a connection between the German missionaries, who established the old Bethany mission two miles northeast of St. Louis, and his Chippewa brothers of "Indian town" as the place was called in 1848 when the Mission was founded.

Uncle Billy, as he came to be known was born in 1834, three years before Michigan was admitted to the Union as a state. It was in this barren and marshy country that he was reared, spending his boyhood days fishing along streams paddling the canoe over the swamps and hunting bears, rabbits, deer and wolves in forest of mingled pine and hardwood. As time sped on that very country Germany, which is now torn by the bloody ravages of war, out of her sympathy for his brother Indian who knew not of Christ and Salvation organized a missionary society in 1840 and a little later sent the Rev. Cramer, who established the Frankenthum mission. In 1847 at the call of Rev. Cramer an assistant was sent in, Rev. Baulin who founded the Bethany mission to care for the religious welfare of the adults and to instruct the children. It is without doubt that "Uncle Billy" attended this early school as his father was the interpreter between the first white men and his Indian brothers. Later on white men came with different motives as the fur trade with the Chippewas and the lumber resources of the vast pine forests were very inviting.

With the coming of the settlers there also came the need of messenger service, which was best carried on by the Indian who was so well acquainted with the trails and forest life. Billy knowing some English naturally filled this position carrying personal mail from "Indian Town" by a trail leading to the next nearest white settlement at Maple Rapids. This he did when about 18 years of age making the trip once a week on an Indian pony through blinding snows of winter, over the swollen streams of the springtime and blanching suns of summer. When the postoffice was organized and established in 1855 in St. Louis it was Billy who carried the regular mail.

Later in life he was married to a white woman and to this marriage were born two sons, Jack and Al who are comedians and musicians. The last few years of his life were spent among friends to whom he was always a welcome guest. Patient and enduring in all he withstood the hardships of early pioneer days and with the same sturdiness mark of time was staved off to a distance of 12 long years beyond the allotted three score and ten.

No apparent failings of health came until last spring, feebleness and the dawn of a second childhood came ac-

ording to the law of nature and "Uncle Billy" was taken to the county poor farm where he passed quietly away on the first day of the new year.

THE GREATEST HEALTH INSURANCE IN THE WORLD

T. P. Taylor, Prominent Louisville Druggist, Makes Interesting Statement



T. P. TAYLOR

"The greatest health insurance in the world is the simplest," he said. "I never could quite understand why people are so negligent in the use of the simplest of all preventives of illness. It's all a matter of keeping the bowels open. The man who carries a little box of Rexall Orderlies has got a good health policy in his pocket. I believe they are the best laxative ever prepared, and their pleasant taste appeals to men, women and children alike."

We have the exclusive selling rights for this great laxative. Trial size, 10 cents. LOOK PATERSON DRUG CO. THE REXALL STORE

ADVERTISED LETTERS.

Alma, Mich., Jan. 3, 1916. Advertised list for week ending Jan. 3, 1916:

Mr. W. T. Cramer.
Mr. M. F. Levi.
Mr. C. F. Harsh.
Mr. L. Mallin.
Mr. J. W. Miller.
Mrs. Bertha Primrose.

The above if not called for will be sent to the dead letter office Jan. 17, 1916.

V. P. CASH, Postmaster.

Cuts, Burns,

Bruises, Sores, Wounds and Piles quickly healed with Arnica Salve. It prevents infection, is antiseptic, soothing, healing. Try it once. Money Back If It Fails. The Original and Genuine.

Bucklen's Arnica Salve

Heals the Hurt All Druggists and Dealers, 25c.

AGED MASON DIES.

Having withstood the hardships of a life in the early days of the West and later labors in modern times, Daniel Brooks passed away Dec. 31, leaving behind the history of a long and interesting career. Mr. Brooks was born 1825 in Marietta, Va., and his early life along with many others of those times was spent on a homestead with a log cabin for a mansion and crude handcarved furniture.

It was his father's desire to see "Dan" follow the old trade of the family and that was a sea faring life but this was in direct opposition to the boy's nature. Another alternative was forced and the lad was sent to school at Prince Williams college, Maryland, but this was too confining for one reared in the fresh air and having always the freedom of vast green fields. After a term he returned home where a rather strenuous life awaited him on the old farm. At the age of 14 his father found cause to punish him severely for some slight offense and Dan left home never to return. He made his way to Washington City where he became an apprentice to a carpenter remaining there 10 years. About this time (19) men were flocking to the West in search of gold. This attracted his attention and he immigrated being one of the first to sink his shovel in Sutter's creek. After the gold-fever abated Dan became interested in the building of a quartz mill which proved successful. A second mill was erected on the Pacific coast in which he played a prominent part. Later he made a trip to Alaska to build another mill.

In the erecting of the Central Pacific railway Brooks was given the position of manager of the building department of that company. He lived 50 years in the West and always claimed California as his native state.

Mr. Brooks was once married and raised a family but lived to survive them all so when age crept on calling for a retirement from active life he came back East and soon made his home with Masons being a member of that lodge since 1852.

He was a kind genial old man and as long as he was able to be out he made his regular calls on some of his business men friends every day always welcomed and always having a radiant smile the sign of good will to all.

Pressing 20 years beyond that mile stone known as "Time's limit" he finally yielded to a last call to departure from this life. A short service was held at the home and the body was sent to Rockford, Mich., to his home lodge for burial.

THE P. M. RAILWAY.

On the theory that the people of Michigan have a direct interest in the fate of the Pere Marquette railroad, and are entitled to know the plans and policies under which every effort is being made to rehabilitate this big transportation system Paul H. King, Operating Receiver, has prepared a series of advertisements which will appear as "Pere Marquette Talks." In these talks Mr. King will give his views regarding the problems and

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It's Time For a New Calendar

Turn-over-a-new-leaf by getting a Hair Cut and Shave. We have no long waits between acts. Our electric indicator and turn check system gives you an opportunity to be just in time. We are going to start the new year by staying in our old stand and chair, Allen, Easterwood and Davis.

Davis' Barber Shop

SHINING

PARLOR

needs of the railroad as he sees them after a careful study of the conditions.

Publicity of this character is a new thing for a Michigan railroad. The one big reason why Mr. King is making these talks, he says, is to bring the people and railroad into closer touch, and to emphasize the importance of co-operation for mutual benefit. Mr. King has been in charge of the railroad since June 1914, and with the active support of every member of the organization has been working to make the railroad "Go," that is, provide means for its proper maintenance to give good service. An earnest effort is being made to bring about a reorganization of the railroad on a stable basis, and in that connection it needs the support of the people whose transportation agent it is. The receiver believes the people served by the Pere Marquette understand that if the railroad can be made to prosper as a "going concern" it will be better able to furnish them the kind of service which will aid them in the development and progress of their respective communities, and that they will, therefore, appreciate an exposition of its condition and needs to enable them intelligently to assist in working out its problems. The first "Talk" will run in our issue of Jan. 13.

OBITUARY.

Lavinia Cook was born in Stark county Ohio, April 15, 1828 and died at the home of her son, William Sharp Dec. 27, 1915, aged 87 years 8 months and 14 days, death caused by dropsy. She was united in marriage to Andrew J. Sharp, March 10, 1850. To this union was born two daughters and eight sons. All of whom are living except one son and daughter, who died in infancy. In 1863 they moved to Midland, Mich., then came to Vestaburg, Mich., thirty-six years ago. Since her husband's death which occurred here Dec. 24, 1887, she has resided with her children. She leaves to mourn the loss of a kind and loving mother a daughter Mrs. Sarah Thurbury and son William Sharp of his place, her sons Benjamin, Clement, Osborn and Jesse of Marion, Jake of Uma and Fred of Lansing, besides 27 grandchildren, 31 great grandchildren,

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has returned from Ohio and will again engage in the handling of untrained horses.

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A splendid Visualization of Israel Zangwill's Wonderful story with Walker Whiteside and Miss Valentine Grant in the principal parts.

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CHARLIE CHAPLIN

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at 2:30

"The Diamond From the Sky"
Every Friday Night